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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of
STADLER et al.

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International Application
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Filed: July 28, 1999

For: SOIL-APPLIED GRANULES WITH CONTROLLED RELEASE OF
ACTIVE INGREDIENT(S) (SOIL-APPLIED CR GRANULES)PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTHonorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. Soil-applied CR granules obtainable by applying an active-ingredient-comprising coating to a solid carrier in a fluidized bed with a defined heat input adjustable to 6000 to 25,000 KJ/KG [[sic]] of coating polymer.

3. Soil-applied CR granules as claimed in claim 2 comprising, as coating polymer, a dispersion from amongst the following groups: butyl acrylate/styrene copolymers, copolymer dispersions of acrylic and methacrylic esters, polyethylene wax emulsions, polyesters composed of the following units: 50 mol% dimethyl terephthalate + approx. 50 mol% adipic acid + 150 mol% 1,4-butanediol + trace elements, mixture of 10-95% polyvinyl acetate + 5-90% N-vinylpyrrolidone-comprising [[sic]] polymers, ethylene/methacrylic acid zinc salt.

6. Soil-applied CR granules as claimed in claim 1 [any one of claims 1-5], comprising an active ingredient from the group of the systemically acting strobilurins, the azoles or the salicylates.

7. Soil-applied CR granules as claimed in claim 1 [any of claims 1-5], comprising, as active ingredient, 5-methyl [[sic]]benzo[1,2,3]thiadiazole-7-carbothioate.